

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: March - Pat Timmins April - Tony Fazio May - Sam Forry

Wk.3 March 17

Wk. 4 March 24

Wk. 5 March 31

CHORISTER

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Pam Gerberich

WORSHIP LDR

John Wise

Praise Team

S. Metzler / K. Myers

CHILD STORY

Abby Christ

Savannah M / Karen M.

S. Metzler / K. Myers

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Ken Duell / John High

Richard & Michelle Yenser

Bob & Wendy Lingle

Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Sam Forry & Ken Duell

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level

Elementary (Grades K to 5) – Pine Room

(Fellowship Hall Level)

Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship

Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship

Hall Level)

Hymn Study – Fellowship Hall

NOTICE: We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us “online” by visiting our Facebook or YouTube page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure you are avoided.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

MARK 12:30, NIV



March 17, 2024



Outreach: The Gathering Place Café, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Sat 6-10am**



Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and
 elderly not able to be with us today.

John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



(Please contact the secretary if anyone should be
 added or removed from the Prayer List.)



Mary L Bashore's birthday is
 March 28th. Cards may be mailed to:

Berks Leisure Assisted Living Home
 1399 Fairview Drive,



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the
 family and friends of Paul I. Sweigart,
 who passed away on Friday, March 8th.

As a church family, we extend our sincere
 sympathy & Christian love to the family &
 friends of Richard Allen Dove, who
 passed away on Friday, March 8th.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,106.50
Building Fund	\$ 32.50
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Sunday School	\$ 22.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 375.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Mission of the Month *	\$ 595.00
Global Food Initiative *	\$ 375.00
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Playground	\$ 220.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Total	\$ 5,956.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
 \$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 11+71
 Virtual Worship 27
 Sunday School 34

Thank you Pastor Fiske for sharing
 the word with us today and all during
 this week of Spiritual Renewal. May
 our hearts and minds be opened and
 renewed in the Spirit.

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Transformed by Christ to Love and
Serve Together

March 17, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Bell Choir

Opening Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we gather to praise you, to know you and to love one another.

People: Lord, lead us to love you above all, to hail the power of your Name.

Worship "All hail to power of Jesus' name" #106

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Senior Choir "A Wonderful Time Up There"

Children's Moment

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Worship "I am thine, O Lord" #505

Senior Choir "Let's Talk About Jesus"

Message - "Prefer One Another"

Scripture - Mark 12: 30-31

Closing Worship "I stand amazed in the presence" #528

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS



March 24 - 10:30 am Palm Sunday Service / LSCOB
 March 29 - 7:00 pm Good Friday Services / LSCOB
 March 31 - 6:30 am Community Easter
 Sunrise services at Trinity UCC,
 27 Maria St., Rehrersburg, PA
 10:30 am Easter Sunday Service / LSCOB

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 3rd - 24th

One Great Hour of Sharing reaches those near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress in your own community, while at other times impacting the lives of those we may never meet, but who are in need of our compassion. Gifts through this special offering empower ministries such as:

Church of the Brethren Global Mission & Service
 Brethren Disaster Ministries
 Global Food Initiative, and many more!

Your gifts can be given in the same way as your regular church offering. Simply mark your gift as "One Great Hour of Sharing" or use the special envelope provided in your bulletin. All gifts may be returned to the church by **March 24th**

ANE @ Camp Swatara April 27: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Fellowship with others from throughout the District
\$10/Person—\$50 max/family
Lunch Included

Rock wall—mini golf—nature area—adventure course—games/library
 Learn more and register at: www.ane-cob.org



BREAKFAST BUFFET
March 23, 2024
7:00 -10:00 A.M



*We will need help in the kitchen and in various other ways.
 Please contact anyone in Women's Fellowship if you are able to help*

NOTICE— the next Women's Fellowship meeting rescheduled to March 26th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Attention

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the fees for cemetery plots will be increasing in price.

If you are interested in purchasing a plot **before** the price increase, please contact:

Dennis Emerich at 717-376-7561



Save the Date Sunday at Camp

Little Swatara Church will once again have church services on **Sunday June 30th** at 10 am in the fellowship hall at Camp Swatara. The church building will be closed that Sunday, so please join us that day for services plus lunch afterwards. Also join us for the whole weekend in family camp on the weekend of June 28-30th. Sites and cabins are available by calling the Family Camp Office and telling them you're with Little Swatara for the weekend. *(We will do our best, but our live stream may not be available due to limited internet service at Camp Swatara. If we are not able to stream, we will post a recording of the service later in the day.)*

Annual District-Wide Older Adult Spring Luncheon Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 12 noon Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA

Join us for a celebration of Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Cost \$23 Registration Deadline April 24th

Registration at: ane-cob.com



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show
Saturday, June 15th, 2024
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

If you have any items to donate to our yard sale/flea market, please put them aside until closer to the date.



March
Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing™



What's Happening in:

March

- 17 Camp Swatara Sunday
10:30 AM Spiritual Renewal Service
12 Noon All Fellowship Meal
7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Service
- 18-20 7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Service
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 23 7-10 AM Buffet Breakfast / FH
7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / FH
- 24 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Service
2:00 PM Easter Festival
- 26 Ministry Team Minutes due
9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting / FH
- 27 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 28 8:30 AM Quilting
- 29 Good Friday
7:00 PM Good Friday Service / LSCOB
- 31 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise
Service / Trinity UCC,
Rehrersburg
10:30 AM Easter Service
at LSCoB



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs.6:00pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45pm



VBS July 15 - 19, 2024

Vacation Bible School
Needs Your Help

Please help us make the 2024 Vacation Bible School a fun experience for the local children. The committee is in need of additional members as well as volunteers to help during this year's Vacation Bible School. There are several opportunities in which to help. All skills are needed for this amazing outreach opportunity. Please reach out to the church secretary, a member of the Christian Ed. Team, or a VBS Committee member: Aimee Ruffner, Debra Wengert or Patty Timmins.



Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School. on the following mornings.
March 20th, April 3rd, April 17th, May 1st & May 15th
(Park in front of school along bus lane & enter doors A2)



News from Camp Swatara

Trail Mix and Maintenance / Paul Bunyan Day
Saturday, March 23, 2024
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM



What a combo! Join up for a day of serving on the Camp trails and munchin' on some trail snacks.

Tools and Trails mix provided.

Information and Registration: call the Camp Office (717-933-8510).



Family Camp Opening Weekend
April 5 - 7, 2024

Work Day - April 6, 2024

Join us to open the campground for the season. All ages welcome!
Volunteers camp FREE for the weekend.
Info & RSVP: www.campswatara.org